

IN THE CLAIMS:

A translation of claims 1-9 on "Substitute Pages 6 and 7" of the international application is being filed concurrently herewith, and it is appended to applicants' Response to Notification of Missing Requirements. The amended claims were filed by applicants in the international application and replace claims 1-11 originally filed with the international application.

Please substitute the following amended, clean versions of the indicated claims (a marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment):

3. (amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by a soldering material for soldering the element (8) which has a defined melting point that is a function of a predetermined, permissible heating temperature.

4. (amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized by a leaf spring (11) which has at least one shoulder (12) that extends through a slot (13) in circuit plate (1) and pushes against the element (8).

5. (amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that one end of the leaf spring (11) lies in an edge cutout (14) and lateral sides on the circuit plate (1) and in that the other end has a locking hook (16) which extends through an opening (17) in circuit plate (1).

6. (amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that element (8) comprises a suppressor diode which sets a predetermined voltage value.

7. (amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the consumer comprises a storage battery.

9. (amended) Apparatus according to claim 7, characterized in that the storage battery comprises at least one Li-Ion-cell.